

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-22 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-6, 10-17, and 20-22 were rejected. Claims 7, 9, 18 and 20 were previously withdrawn from consideration. With this Amendment, claims 7, 9, 18 and 20 were cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 10-17, and 20-22 remain at issue.

I. Double Patenting Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-6, 10-17, and 20-22 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,133,739. In compliance with the Examiner's suggestion to overcome this double patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR §1.321. Applicant, however, submits that this Terminal Disclaimer is not an admission of double patenting.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, to Account No. 19-3140.

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